

MINUTES OF THE  
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

January 11, 2017

MAG Office, Saguaro Room

Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ed Zuercher, Phoenix, Chair	Gregory Rose, City of Maricopa
Patrick Banger, Gilbert, Vice Chair	Christopher Brady, Mesa
Bryant Powell, Apache Junction	# Kevin Burke, Paradise Valley
David Fitzhugh, Avondale	Carl Swenson, Peoria
Roger Klingler, Buckeye	# Greg Stanley, Pinal County
* Gary Neiss, Carefree	John Kross, Queen Creek
Peter Jankowski, Cave Creek	* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Marsha Reed, Chandler	Indian Community
Dr. Spencer Isom, El Mirage	Brad Lundahl for Jim Thompson,
# Brent Billingsley, Florence	Scottsdale
* Phil Dorchester, Fort McDowell Yavapai	# Bob Wingenroth, Surprise
Nation	Andrew Ching, Tempe
Grady Miller, Fountain Hills	Reyes Medrano, Jr., Tolleson
Michael Celaya, Gila Bend	Joshua Wright, Wickenburg
* Pamela Thompson, Gila River Indian	Jeanne Blackman, Youngtown
Community	Floyd Roehrich for John Halikowski, ADOT
Jenna Goad for Kevin Phelps, Glendale	Reid Spaulding for Joy Rich, Maricopa
Brian Dalke, Goodyear	County
* Bob Thaxton, Guadalupe	Scott Smith, Valley Metro/RPTA
Jim Rumpeltes for Litchfield Park	

\* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

# Participated by telephone conference call.      + Participated by videoconference call.

1.     Call to Order

A video on MAG meeting guidelines and public input opportunities was played.

The meeting of the MAG Management Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Patrick Banger, Gilbert, at 12:02 p.m.

2.     Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Brent Billingsley, Mr. Kevin Burke, Mr. Greg Stanley, and Mr. Bob Wingenroth joined the meeting via teleconference.

Vice Chair Banger introduced a new member of the MAG Management Committee, Mr. Michael Celaya, Gila Bend Town Manager.

Vice Chair Banger noted that at each place and on the side tables on each side of the room were the revised materials for agenda items #5D, #5G, and #5H that were previously transmitted. He noted that on January 5, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the project changes requested in agenda item #5D.

### 3. Call to the Audience

Vice Chair Banger recognized public comment from Mr. John Rusinek, who spoke about the time he has spent trying to get the next door driveway fixed and the 6,000 square foot lot dustproofed. Mr. Rusinek read from City of Phoenix ordinances regarding the use of dust palliatives. He commented that the wrong gravel was used next door, but he could live with that. Mr. Rusinek stated that the vehicles have been removed, but he feels that people should follow the law and he thinks a palliative should be applied. He noted that he has been trying to get this corrected for 13 years and he hoped someone would get this done correctly. Vice Chair Banger thanked Mr. Rusinek.

Chair Ed Zuercher arrived at the meeting.

Chair Zuercher recognized public comment from Mr. Marvin Rochelle, who expressed that he hoped everyone had a pleasant new year. Mr. Rochelle said that he has been diagnosed with heart failure and low blood pressure and was told he could die in his sleep. He stated that he has been fighting for a reliever road for Interstate 10 in the West Valley. Solutions could include adding double HOV lanes or another roadway south of Interstate 10. Mr. Rochelle expressed his wish that improvements to benefit Interstate 10 are done in his lifetime. He added that the West Valley traffic is in dire straits. Chair Zuercher thanked Mr. Rochelle.

Chair Zuercher noted that Ms. Dianne Barker had submitted comments for the record: "It's our citizens' duty, often overlooked by too many, even citizens themselves, to be informed and to act to get officials to perform their sworn/subscribed Oath of Service to America. Make 2017 "The Year of the Citizens'."

Chair Zuercher stated that most had heard the sad news of the passing of two colleagues, Mr. Darryl H. Crossman and Mr. Steve Olson. He stated that Mr. Crossman, the City Manager of Litchfield Park, was very active at MAG, and he added that Mr. Crossman was his predecessor as Chair of the MAG Management Committee. Chair Zuercher called on Mr. Brian Dalke for a few words about Mr. Crossman.

Mr. Brian Dalke commented that this is a difficult time for those who knew Mr. Crossman. He stated that Mr. Crossman lost his battle with cancer this past Friday evening. Mr. Crossman's wife and his son were with him. Mr. Dalke stated that Mr. Crossman served local government for 40 years, 28 years as Director of Public Service in Wickliffe, Ohio, and 12 years as City Manager of Litchfield Park. He was a devout Cleveland Indians fan.

Mr. Dalke stated that the Litchfield Park City Council was split on two sides and members credited Mr. Crossman with bringing them together. He stated that Mr. Crossman had his fingerprints on every part of City Hall. Mr. Dalke stated that Mr. Crossman held three degrees from Cleveland State University: a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, a Masters in Public Administration, and a law degree.

Mr. Dalke expressed his gratitude for the outpouring of support to the email he sent on Saturday with the news of Mr. Crossman's passing. He stated that he and Mr. Crossman were sidekicks and very close. Mr. Dalke stated that he, Mr. Crossman, and Mr. David Fitzhugh would carpool to MAG meetings.

Mr. Dalke stated that Mr. Crossman did not allow the disease to get him down – he had courage and dignity to the end. Mr. Crossman had a deep commitment to his family, friends, and public service and was a man of faith. Mr. Dalke stated that Mr. Crossman is at peace and in heaven, and Mr. Dalke felt Mr. Crossman was entertaining those above with his one-liners. Mr. Dalke stated that it was an honor and a privilege to speak about Mr. Crossman to the Management Committee, and Mr. Crossman will be missed. Mr. Dalke stated that Mr. Crossman's family appreciates the love and support they are receiving.

Mr. Jim Rumpeltes conveyed information on services for Mr. Crossman. He indicated that two services are planned: One in Ohio and the second one on January 27, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at Skyway Church in Goodyear. Mr. Rumpeltes said to see him after the meeting for questions and further information. He stated that Mr. Crossman was truly a dedicated public servant – he was working the day before he passed, interviewing candidates. Mr. Rumpeltes stated that he has known Mr. Crossman for a long time, even before he went to work at Litchfield Park, and visited Mr. Rumpeltes at the City of Surprise when Mr. Rumpeltes was City Manager. Mr. Rumpeltes expressed that Mr. Crossman will be missed.

Chair Zuercher thanked Mr. Dalke and Mr. Rumpeltes for their remarks on Mr. Crossman.

Chair Zuercher noted the passing of Mr. Steve Olson, who was Director of Arizona Municipal Water Users Association from 2005 to 2012, as the Government Relations Director for the City of Scottsdale from 1999 to 2004, and was associated with the Arizona Department of Water Resources. Chair Zuercher noted that many of those at the meeting worked with Mr. Olson on various issues.

Chair Zuercher asked for everyone to observe a moment of silence.

#### 4. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, reported on items of interest to the MAG region. Mr. Smith stated that due to the efforts of Town of Carefree Councilmember Michael Farrar, MAG Information Services staff presented demographic, employment and other MAG viewers to the Central Arizona Homebuilders Association. Mr. Smith indicated that this is an opportunity to help homebuilders be successful and the region to share in a successful economy.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG hosted U.S. Census Director John Thompson on preparations for the 2020 Decennial Census. He stated that Mayor Gail Barney, Town of Queen Creek, welcomed the group, which consisted of representatives from state, local, and regional organizations.

Mr. Smith reported that on November 21, 2016, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit denied the request to halt construction of the South Mountain Freeway until the court rules on an appeal of the Judge's decision.

Mr. Smith stated that the 2016 Human Services Conference was held November 30, 2016, on the East Valley Institute of Technology campus. He noted that this is an outstanding facility that includes a culinary school and costs are very reasonable. Mesa Mayor John Giles welcomed attendees to the conference. Mr. Smith stated that paramedicine was highlighted at the conference and the keynote speaker was Ms. Suzanne Pfister.

Mr. Smith reported that the MAG Regional Continuum of Care Committee was awarded \$25.4 million in Housing and Urban Development funding for 44 local homeless services programs.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG sent a letter of support for the Arizona Department of Transportation 2017 FASTLANE grant application in the amount of \$40 million for needed capacity and safety improvements for Interstate 10 from State Route 85 to Verrado Way in the MAG region.

Mr. Smith reported that the MAG Fiscal Services Division recently received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). He added that the award represents the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Mr. Smith stated that in researching the award, he found that only three councils of governments in the U.S. have received this honor, and one of them is MAG. He noted that MAG's work program is developed to be in conformance with GFOA standards.

Chair Zuercher expressed his congratulations to MAG staff for this important award. He thanked Mr. Smith for his report.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Zuercher stated that agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, and #5I were on the Consent Agenda.

No public comment cards were received.

Chair Zuercher asked members if they had questions or requests to hear a presentation on any of the Consent Agenda items.

None were noted.

Ms. Marsha Reed moved to recommend approval of Consent Agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, and #5I. Mr. Roger Klingler seconded, and the vote on the motion passed unanimously.

5A. Approval of the November 9, 2016, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, approved the November 9, 2016, meeting minutes.

5B. Programming of Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School Projects for FY 2018, FY 2019, and FY 2020

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of a list of Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School projects for FY 2018, FY 2019 and FY 2020 in the total amount of \$1,176,585. Through prior MAG action, a total of \$400,000 in Transportation Alternatives funds is set aside each fiscal year for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) non-infrastructure projects. A call for qualifying projects was issued in August 2016 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, FY 2019, and FY 2020. Twelve (12) SRTS project applications were received requesting a total of \$1,176,585. The MAG Transportation Safety Committee reviewed the applications and on November 15, 2016, recommended approval of the list of Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School projects for FY 2018, FY 2019, and FY 2020. On December 8, 2016, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the SRTS projects for Transportation Alternatives funding.

5C. MAG Federally Funded, Locally Sponsored Project Development Status Report

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended acceptance of the MAG Federally Funded, Locally Sponsored Project Development Status Report. The MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures, approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 24, 2015, requires that local agency sponsors of projects funded with federal funding obtained through the competitive selection process administered by MAG, provide development status information and verification of their financial commitment to projects on a biannual basis. This information is compiled into the Locally Sponsored Project Development Status Report. The report also provides information to prepare for the annual MAG Closeout of Federal Highway Administration suballocated funding. The Report was recommended for acceptance by the MAG Transportation Review Committee on December 8, 2016.

5D. Project Changes - Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and, as Appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and, as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 22, 2016, with the last modification approved at the December 7, 2016, Regional Council meeting. Since then, additional project changes and additions to the TIP have been requested by member agencies. The requested project changes were recommended for approval by the MAG Transportation Review Committee on December 8, 2016. In addition, a second set of project changes was developed to include various pre-construction activities related to the regional

Freeway and Highway Program Rebalancing effort. The second set of project changes was recommended for approval on January 5, 2017, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee.

5E. Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration Funding Projections for the MAG Region

Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) reauthorizes surface transportation programs through Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020. MAG, in coordination with the Arizona Department of Transportation Financial Management Services, developed revised suballocated Federal Highway Administration projections for the MAG region. MAG, in coordination with Valley Metro/Regional Public Transportation Authority and the City of Phoenix as the Designated Recipient/Direct Recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds, developed revised FTA projections for the MAG region based on guidance information and historical projections. These federal projections will be used during the development of the Draft FFY 2017 Transit Program of Projects, Draft FY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the Draft FY 2040 Regional Transportation Plan. This item was on the agenda for information and discussion.

5F. Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report: May 2016 - October 2016

The Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report provides detail about the status of projects, revenues, and other relevant program information for the period between May 2016 and October 2016. This is the program's twenty-fourth status report and the first published in Fiscal Year 2017. This item was on the agenda for information and discussion.

5G. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including Safe Routes to School and Arizona Department of Transportation projects. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. This item was on the agenda for consultation.

5H. FY 2017 MAG Regional Transportation Planning On-Call Consultant Services Program

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selection of consultants for the FY 2017 MAG Regional Transportation Planning On-Call for a three-year period, and for an amount not to exceed \$400,000. The fiscal year (FY) 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, amended by the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee in August 2016, includes \$400,000 to conduct the MAG Regional Transportation Plan On-Call. The purpose of a Regional Transportation Plan On-Call program is for expediting the delivery of consultant services at MAG. Qualified consultants were sought to assist staff in the following six services areas: (A) Civil Engineering, (B) Transportation Planning, (C) Transportation Operations, (D) Policy and Finance, (E) Public Involvement, and (F) Economic

Development. A Request for Statements of Qualifications was issued on September 26, 2016, and 32 Statements of Qualifications were received. An internal team of MAG staff reviewed the Statements of Qualifications and on December 13, 2016, recommended to MAG the selection of 17 consultants for participation in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan On-Call.

5I. Consultant Selection for the City of Buckeye ITS Strategic Plan

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selection of Kimley-Horn and Associates for developing the City of Buckeye ITS Strategic Plan. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes funding for \$100,000, including \$10,000 provided by the City of Buckeye, for the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Strategic Plan for the City of Buckeye. On October 5, 2016, MAG announced the Request for Proposals for the FY 2016 ITS Strategic Plan for the City of Buckeye project to four consultant firms on the ITS and Transportation Safety On-Call Services under the Planning Area of Expertise. On October 19, 2016, the proposals were evaluated by a multi-agency review panel. The review panel recommended to MAG the selection of Kimley-Horn and Associates for developing the City of Buckeye ITS Strategic Plan. The selection of Kimley-Horn and Associates was recommended for approval by the MAG ITS Committee on November 9, 2016.

6. MAG Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence

Ms. Amy Rebenar, MAG staff, introduced Lt. Troy Finley, Phoenix Police Department Domestic Violence Unit, and member of the MAG Domestic Violence Council. Lt. Finley provided a report on efforts to control domestic violence in this region.

Lt. Finley stated that the three C's of preventing domestic violence are Collaboration, Coordination, and Communication. He related a recent domestic violence incident, in which seven different organizations communicated with each other and coordinated their activities to aid a victim and successfully land the perpetrator in jail for prosecution. Lt. Finley noted that the 36 year-old perpetrator had victimized three other women in the past.

Lt. Finley encouraged support for the MAG Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence. He added that the Phoenix City Council has endorsed the Plan.

Ms. Rebenar continued the report by highlighting some of the successes of the previous plan, framed by 15 strategies to end domestic violence in the region. One important strategy is the multi-disciplinary cross-training between law enforcement, the criminal justice system, and advocates to share the knowledge base. Ms. Rebenar stated that a major strategy was the development of a central intake system for domestic violence shelters. She stated that as of 2014, the system was taking more than 300 calls per day. Ms. Rebenar explained that the central intake system can screen all shelters for space availability so a domestic violence victim does not need to call each shelter individually.

Ms. Rebenar stated that plan strategies include a review and revision of the protocol models in the region, creation of the address confidentiality project, the enhancement of data sharing and mental

health and substance abuse support, and increasing access to culturally responsive services and safe housing for domestic violence victims.

Chair Zuercher thanked Lt. Finley and Ms. Rebenar for their reports and for sharing the story of the domestic violence victim. No questions from the Committee were noted.

Ms. Jeanne Blackman moved to recommend approval of the MAG Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence. Mr. Carl Swenson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Status Update on the June 30, 2016 Single Audit and Management Letter Comments, MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Reports for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Ms. Becky Kimbrough, MAG staff, stated that CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP has completed the audit of MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. She noted that a copy of the CAFR was included in the agenda packet. Ms. Kimbrough introduced Mr. Dennis Osuch, Principal of the accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP.

Mr. Osuch stated that the agenda packet also included a four-page letter from his firm that includes, for example, the responsibilities of his firm and of management, accounting estimates, uncorrected auditor adjustments, etc. Mr. Osuch stated that the Single Audit Report was included in the back of the CAFR.

Mr. Osuch said that their responsibility is to issue an opinion on the financial statement and report if it was in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Mr. Osuch stated that his firm issued an unmodified, or clean, opinion on the financial statements. They found no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Mr. Osuch explained that if there are opportunities for improvement or efficiencies, they could be reported to management in the form of a management letter. If there is a deficiency they feel rises to the level of governance, they will report that as a significant deficiency. A material weakness is a finding where an audit adjustment was needed due to a material misstatement or that internal controls are such that it could cause a material misstatement in the future.

Mr. Osuch then addressed the Single Audit Report. He noted that they are required to audit federal programs if the entity expends more than \$750,000 in federal awards. Mr. Osuch stated that MAG receives funding from two programs: the Federal Highway Planning and Construction Cluster and the Federal Transit Administration Grant. Mr. Osuch stated that his firm does a risk analysis to determine which programs to look at. He noted that if a program expends \$750,000 or more and has not been audited for two years, it is considered a high-risk program that they will need to audit. Mr. Osuch added that MAG is a low-risk auditee, but his firm still was required to audit 20 percent of MAG's federal expenditures. Mr. Osuch stated that they test for compliance and internal controls of the compliance requirements. Mr. Osuch stated that they do give an opinion on internal controls and would report if there were any deficiencies. He noted that they found no deficiencies. Mr. Osuch stated that MAG will be submitting the June 30, 2016, CAFR



to the Government Finance Officers Association for the Excellence in Financial Reporting award, and he added that his firm expects MAG will receive the award.

Chair Zuercher thanked Ms. Kimbrough and Mr. Osuch. He commended MAG on the clean audit and great report.

Mr. John Kross moved to recommend acceptance of the audit opinion issued on the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Reports for the year ended June 30, 2016. Mr. Brian Dalke seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Osuch thanked the committee for having him at the meeting. He remarked that MAG being able to issue the CAFR by the end of the calendar year is a great accomplishment and he credited Mr. Dennis Smith, Ms. Becky Kimbrough, and MAG staff for this achievement.

8. Proposed Short-Term Transit Accessibility Program: Achieving Transit Accessibility Now

Ms. Alice Chen, MAG staff, reported on the proposed short term transit accessibility program they are calling Achieving Transit Access Now (ATAN). She explained that during the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development process, MAG provides opportunities for public input.

Ms. Chen reviewed some of the comments that were received last year when they developed the FY 2017-2021 MAG TIP: “While a brand new bus could be put into service, the bus would not be a useful vehicle if some of its bus stops were inaccessible to passengers.” “Bus stops that are considered ADA compliant are not necessarily user friendly.” “I want to address the need for prioritizing ADA improvements in your final proposed scenario because these kinds of improvements allow Maricopa residents with disabilities and their families to use our transit system.”

Ms. Chen stated that another thing to consider in addressing the public’s concerns in transit accessibility is not just about meeting the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA) it is about creating an environment where individuals of all abilities feel safe and can, with relative ease access the transit system. In many cases, these are not just requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, but are features important to the public.

Ms. Chen stated that MAG and Valley Metro have been working on improving accessibility to transit, including two concurrent processes, which will be followed by a third one that will dovetail from the findings of the first two. Ms. Chen reported that Valley Metro is currently conducting a regional inventory of the bus stops, in order to assess which ones meet regional standards for accessibility. The study will also include defining a regional ADA bus stop standard. Ms. Chen stated that this study is expected to be completed in July 2017.

Ms. Chen stated that the second process is a short term implementation program being proposed by MAG. The MAG Regional Council allocated \$2.5 million in regional match for bus stop improvements. She noted that this program is meant to address some of the known issues and to provide incentives and motivate member agencies to make improvements to existing bus stops. Ms. Chen stated that at the completion of the study, they anticipate having more information on needs and how best to address transit accessibility improvements.

Ms. Chen described the timeline. Ms. Chen stated that the primary goal of the short-term program is to show immediate results through projects that are infrastructure ready. She stated that this will be supported with a short funding cycle which requires agencies to draw down funds in 12 months. Ms. Chen stated that another goal is high agency participation and engagement. There will be a very simple application and approval process, which will benefit agencies that do not have high staff availability for transit projects. She noted that there will be a high level of agency discretion as local agencies understand needs better at this time. She stated that typically the MAG region has not done bus stop improvement projects as they are costly on an individual level, but this program is looking for cost savings through coordination.

Ms. Chen stated that they think the primary type of projects for this program are the federally required ADA improvements and those are slope and land pads. She noted the comment that ADA compliant does not always mean ADA friendly. Ms. Chen stated that the funds also may be used for other transit access related projects, including bus shelters, push buttons, crosswalks, truncated domes, directions cutouts, sidewalk improvements, etc. She added that the purpose is to increase the ability of users to access bus stops safely.

Ms. Chen stated that the next steps include completing the MAG regional study and the Valley Metro inventory, after which the long-term ADA bus stop improvements priorities and funding can be identified. She noted that the long-term ADA program could then be implemented.

Chair Zuercher thanked Ms. Chen for her report and asked if there were questions. None were noted.

Ms. Jeanne Blackman moved to recommend approval of the proposed short-term transit accessibility program: Achieving Transit Accessibility Now (ATAN). Mr. Peter Jankowski seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Year End Actuals Report of Federal Highway Administration Suballocated MAG Regional Funds, and Evaluation of Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Funding Levels

Ms. Teri Kennedy, MAG staff, presented the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 MAG suballocated funding actuals as of the end of September 2016 and the estimates for FFY 2017 and closeout. Ms. Kennedy stated that the MAG region ended 2016 with \$113.4 million of overall suballocated funding and a carry forward of \$862,305. Ms. Kennedy noted that this means that MAG has met its target for the fourth year in a row. This is a great accomplishment and is a direct result of the work of the MAG Federal Funds Working Group. Ms. Kennedy acknowledged that Mr. Crossman was instrumental in the MAG Federal Funds Working Group and this is his legacy.

Mr. Dennis Smith stated that this is an example of how you make a difference. He said that Mr. Crossman was involved in a lot of the work done at MAG and was instrumental in setting up the process for second project deferral requests going before the Regional Council. Mr. Smith stated that in the past, MAG could have as much as \$45 million in carry forward. Federal Highway Administration staff said that MAG could no longer do this and needed to change its process. He indicated that Mr. Crossman chaired the Federal Funds Working Group who developed new procedures and now the carry forward is less than \$1 million.

Ms. Kennedy stated that the FFY 2017 Obligation Authority is a little over \$108 million. She indicated that they feel the final vouchers and savings will be approximately \$5 million and current projects total approximately \$109.7 million, leaving approximately \$3.5 million for FFY 2017 closeout. Ms. Kennedy stated that MAG staff issued a notice of closeout requests with a due date of December 15, 2016. She stated that the MAG Transportation Review Committee will be reviewing the requests that were received and they anticipate will be on the February Management Committee agenda.

Ms. Kennedy showed a chart of final vouchers by year from 2006 to 2017. She indicated staff did not anticipate cost savings because prices are rising due to the recovery of the economy.

Ms. Kennedy stated that the purpose of closeout is to ensure funding is used and it is not lost. She stated that if funding is not used in the region, the state sweeps the money for their projects. If the state does not use the funding, the Federal government redistributes money in August to states that can use it. She stated that in the past Arizona has benefitted from the August redistribution. If there are project deferrals or cost savings from final vouchers, that funding goes back to be reprogrammed. Ms. Kennedy stated that closeout is not guaranteed to happen every year, but is likely to occur in the next few years given funding projections. She stated that if a project is not submitted to ADOT by June 1, it will lose closeout funds.

Mr. Dennis Smith stated that Ms. Kennedy came to MAG from ADOT and it was valuable for her to be able to make that transition with the Arizona State Retirement System.

10. Interstate 10/Interstate 17 Corridor Master Plan Project Update

Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, reported on the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 Corridor Master Plan Study for the Spine. He noted that he would be presenting this report in place of the Project Manager, Mr. Bob Hazlett, who is attending the Transportation Research Board conference. Mr. Anderson noted that Mr. Hazlett chairs the Standing Committee on Metropolitan Policy, Planning, and Processes. He stated that the Spine Study began in 2014 and is anticipated to be completed by mid-2017.

Mr. Anderson stated that an extensive public input process, including the ability to comment online, is part of this Study. Three major concerns were identified: safety, the connectivity of neighborhoods, and improving certain segments, such as the Broadway Curve. Mr. Anderson stated that in 2016, extensive technical analyses were conducted to develop draft recommendations.

Mr. Anderson stated that the public comment period on the Study will be held January 16, with public meetings on January 24 at MAG, January 25 at the Town of Guadalupe, and January 31 at the Washington Activity Center in Phoenix.

Mr. Anderson said that a Needs Assessment showed issues: aging infrastructure (for example, I-17 was built in the 1950s), light rail needs to be accommodated on I-17 at four locations; and planning is needed for bicycles and pedestrians. Mr. Anderson noted that right-of-way has major

constraints, in particular, on I-17, which limits the ability for major widening. He added that technology will continue to grow and traffic demand will continue to increase.

Mr. Anderson stated that 349 ideas were received through public input and they were screened by the project partners to 50 recommendations. The recommendations include improving safety by modernizing interstates, adding at a minimum, one lane throughout the entire Spine, expanding managed capacity (high occupancy vehicles) on I-17, improving or reconstructing traffic interchanges, adding five direct high occupancy vehicle ramps and interchanges, and addressing non-motorized needs. Mr. Anderson noted that the traffic crossing freeways is two and one-half times the traffic using the freeways.

Mr. Anderson stated that the public indicated what was important to them: improving their commute, adding travel choices, protecting the environment, increasing connections, promoting neighborhoods, improving commerce, minimizing costs, and emphasizing jobs. He stated that the recommendations align with the established priorities. Mr. Anderson additional comments will be gathered at the three community meetings and online. He recognized the Federal Highway Administration and Arizona Department of Transportation staff who have worked with MAG throughout the entire process.

Chair Zuercher thanked Mr. Anderson for his report and asked if there were questions or comments.

Mr. Dennis Smith stated that the Spine carries 40 percent of the traffic in the Valley. This is a unique project that is relevant and essential to all parts of the region. Mr. Smith stated that not only is improving the traffic capacity on the Spine important to the economy, but also increasing the ability to cross the Spine.

11. Discussion of the Development of the FY 2018 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Ms. Becky Kimbrough, MAG staff, provided a report on the development of the FY 2018 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. Ms. Kimbrough stated that the Work Program and Budget is developed incrementally, with reports to the Management Committee, Executive Committee, and Regional Council beginning in January. She noted that the agenda material this month included the draft Dues and Assessments and the proposed budget production timeline.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the Dues and Assessments in the agenda material were developed using the prior fiscal year average Consumer Price Index-Urban Consumers (CPI-U) estimate of 2.24 percent. She noted that the final CPI-U for December 2016 is anticipated on January 18, 2017, and there should not be a significant change from the estimate. Ms. Kimbrough reported that the Dues and Assessments included in the February agenda material will be revised based on the final 2016 calendar year CPI-U number. She then reviewed the budget timeline. Ms. Kimbrough noted that new projects will be brought forward in February, and the draft budget document in March with approval being requested in May.

Chair Zuercher thanked Ms. Kimbrough for her report. No questions from the Committee were noted.

12. Legislative Update

No report was required.

13. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Management Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting were requested.

No requests were noted.

14. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity was provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Dr. Spencer Isom noted that the new El Mirage City Hall will be christened on January 19, 2017. Dr. Isom stated that he wanted to take this opportunity to commend the City of Phoenix for its vision. He indicated that over the past few months, he has visited downtown Phoenix in off-business hours. He commented that pockets of development are occurring all over and Phoenix is becoming a flagship community.

Chair Zuercher thanked Dr. Isom and congratulated him on the new El Mirage City Hall.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary